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Swimmers trespass into the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve

WAILUKU—Australian swimmers Chris and Penny Palrey, who reportedly swam the Alalakeiki Channel from Kaho`olawe to Maui did not receive permission to enter the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve on Saturday, March 5, 2011.

The Kaho`olawe Island Reserve includes the island of Kaho`olawe and approximately two-miles of its surrounding waters. The former military bombing range was returned to the State of Hawaii in 1994 and set aside as the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve. The Kaho`olawe Island Reserve contains significant natural and cultural resources that require protection. The Reserve also contains quantities of unexploded ordnance, which pose a threat to public safety. Access to the Reserve is therefore regulated to protect public safety and its resources.

Unauthorized persons and vessels entering or attempting to enter into the Reserve, or remaining within the Reserve violate Hawaii Administrative Rules (H.A.R.) 13-261-10. Any person who violates these rules is subject to criminal prosecution, which could result in a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment of thirty days, or both, for each offense. Further, vessel owners could be subject to administrative penalties of up to \$10,000 for a first violation and \$5,000 for each natural resource, including aquatic life, taken from the Reserve.

For more information or special assistance, contact the Maui KIRC Office at (808) 243-5020.

The **Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission** (KIRC) was established by the Hawai`i State Legislature in 1993 to manage the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve while it is held in trust for a future Native Hawaiian sovereign entity. The KIRC establishes policies and usage of the island and its surrounding waters through comprehensive restoration and monitoring programs. The KIRC Cultural Program integrates a Native Hawaiian cultural perspective into all programs and activities. The organization is managed by a seven-member Commission and a committed staff. For more information, call 808.243.5020 or visit www.kahoolawe.hawaii.gov.